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14 Complete First Aid Course

On Wednesday night, March 6th, fourteen local persons completed a course in Personal Safety and First Aid taught at the Appomattox County Rescue Squad building.

The classes required a total of approximately 20 hours and were taught by Ray Noble, Pete Doss and G. P. Beasley, Jr., all members of the rescue squad and qualified instructors.

Completing the course, shown above, were Bill Noble, Nina Doyen, Patricia Harden, Newton Tolley, Rosa Cámpbell, Minnie Lamb, Richard Paris, Debra Reynolds, Miochael Reynolds, Tye Beasley, Nancy Chenault, J. C. Whitehead, Mary Kat Whitehead, and Doiris Carter (not in picture).

A new class began on Monday night at the ACRS Building.

To Speak At Presbyterian Revival

The Rev. Byran Childress, Pastor of Stone Memorial Presbyterian Church in Marion, Virginia, will be the Evangelist for the Spring Revival at the Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church. The revival will begin with the evening services on Sunday March 24th. at 7:30.

Mr. Childress is married to the former Polly Vaughn of Willis, Virginia. He received his education in the public and high schools of Floyd county and from King College of Briston Tennessee and at Union Theological Seminary of Virginia. His father was the late Rev. "Bob" Childress, upon whose life and work the book **The Man That Moved The Mountain**, by Richard Davids was based. This book has already been read by many in this area and is available from the local library. He also has two brother that are Presbyterian Ministers.

His pastorate in Marion has been very successful and is very unique. Mr. Childress' church is one church in organization yet four separate worshiping bodies as to church buildings. The buildings circle the areas around the city of Marion serving both the urban and rural families of the area. He has served this congregation for ten years. He has previously served Congregations in Carroll and Floyd Counties in Va. including his home church at Buffalo Mountain, and served as pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Gilbert, West Va.

Mr. Childress' sermon subjects will be starting with Sunday evening: "Slow Down and Live (Psalm 46); "Going Through Samaria" (Jn. 4: 1-9); "Living Water" (Jn. 4:10-26); "The Best Things Are Yours" (Eph. 1: 1-12); The Greatness of the Least Christian" (Matt. 11: 1-15; "Be Greatful For Pain" (Psalm 51: 1-17)

The pastor of the church the Rev. Cecil Dalton announces the following nights of special emphasis, and recognition.

The pastor of the church, the Rev. Cecil Dalton has set the following nights for the Groups of worshipers attending. Sunday: Family night; Monday: Parent Night; Tuesday: Grand Parents Night; Wednesday; Uncles and Aunts Night; Thursday; Childrens Night; Friday: Youth Night.

There will be special music every night and a nursery will be furnished, so plan to attend. The congregation will welcome you to share in this great time of revival, and to hear Mr. Childress.

Stonewall

"Father, forgive them: for they know not what they do. Luke 23:34.

Last week Mrs. Hazel Gallispie has her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. Overstreet, from Gretna, for dinner and her brother, Mr. and Mrs. Tinsley came in afternoon.

Miss Jeanie McGinnia, of Lynchburg, spent the week end with Miss Connie Krantz.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Judy, of Fincastle, spent the week end with The Davidson Family.

Mrs. Charles Judy spent last week with her sister, Mrs. John Harrison, who is doing very well.

Mr. and Mrs. Glover had his mother for week end.

Mr. Hugh Tanner is home still very weak.

Mr. Jim Herndon is about the same.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Taylor had her sister for the week end.

So glad Mrs. Elsie Thornhill is home after spending the past three months with The Weidman family in Connecticut.

Mr. and Mrs. John Alvis, Jr. spent the week end at Orange with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, Bertha Jones, Kathy, Carol, and Richard visited Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Sunday.

Mrs. Hazel Gallispie was the dinner guest of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler Saturday. Mrs. Wilson Garrett was a visitor, also.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Thomas were supper guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Garrett Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Bondurant, Richard spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Claude Trent and family at Charlottesville.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Harris and son, Will, visited Mrs. NIna and Elsie Caldwell Saturday.

Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Kelley Stratton visited Mr. Hugh Tanner. He will go to town Tueday to doctor for checkup.

Sunday afternoon Mr. Bob Drinkard took Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Tanner and children up for a plane ride to view Stonewall from the air. They never saw Stonewall so pretty.

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The Sunday School Lesson

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Comment on the International Sunday School lesson for Sunday, March 17, 1974.

Topic: **Overcoming Hindrances to Church Growth**

Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their affliction, and to keep oneself unstained from the world. James 1:27

For all the spectacular success in its beginnings, the Christian Church very early experienced obstacles and hindrances to its growth.

These obstacles and hindrances came from both within and outside the Christian fellowship. The Scriptural background for this week's International Sunday School lesson gives examples of both. From without the Christian community, opposition soon arose among the Jewish leaders, espcially the chief priests and the party to which they belonged, the Sadducees. Within the community, selfishness, jealousy, and possibly, and possibly discrimination soon appeared.

In the psychological make-up of Ananias and Sapphira were blended love of money and desire for attention, characteristics by selling a piece of property and giving some of the proceeds to the Church, pretending that they were giving all. Some Christians had already sold property and given the proceeds to the Church, Barnabas, for example, and were praised for their generosity. Ananias and Sapphira coveted the applause which attended such gifts; they also coveted money, so they undertook to deceive the Church and kept some of the proceeds for themselves.

The motivation for selling property and giving the proceeds to the Church was love. Christians made these gifts in order that the poor among them might share in the bounty with which God had blessed them. So great was this love and concern for others that there were Christians who considered their possessions as belonging to all their fellow believers.

These gifts enabled the early Church to distribute food and other necessities to the needy in the fellowship. Quite soon some observed, or thought they observed, inequity in the distribution. Among the several divisions of the Jews of the time was one based on language and culture. Some Jews adhered rigidly to the customs, traditions, and language (Aramic, a development from ancient Hebrew) of Israel; others used the Greek language and adopted Greek culture. Jewish Christians in the latter group complained that the widows among them were neglected in the distribution of food, either by being overlooked or receiving less.

Peter, as the recognized leader of the Church, could rebuke Ananias and Sapphira for their covetousness and deceit. The deadening effect of covetousness and deceit in human lives is symbolized in the deaths of this husband and wife.

The Church dealt with the complaint of neglect of the widows among the Greek-speaking Jews by appointing seven members to handle the distribution of food. Significantly, all seven had Greek names, indication of the intent of the Church to be fair and just in ministering to all its members and their needs and an example of an effective way to resolve a church dispute. For the solution to be satisfactory, however, the Church had to have confidence in the fairness and integrity of the seven.

Peter and John were first brought before the Jewish high court, the Sanhedrin, when they healed the lame man at the temple gate. Because of the growing influence of the apostles' preaching and witness, the high priest and his fellow Sadducees had all the apostles imprisoned. The Christians found a friend in court, the great scholar Gamaliel, Paul's teacher, whose tolerant attitude prompted the court to release the apostles, though it had them beaten and ordered them not to preach any more. Gamaliel may have been sympathetic toward the Christians, perhaps because of their testimony to immortality; or he may have seen an opportunity to thwart the Sadducees which he as a Pharisee was glad to do.

Attitudes within and without the Church still handicap it in carrying on its missi[on] ... constitute a continuing chal-lenge to the love and under-standing of believers.

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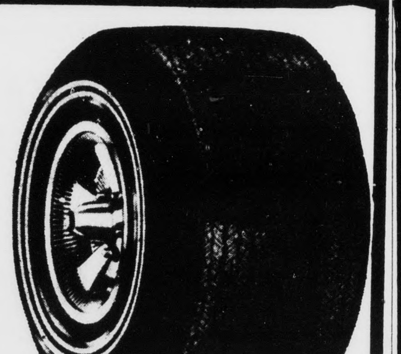

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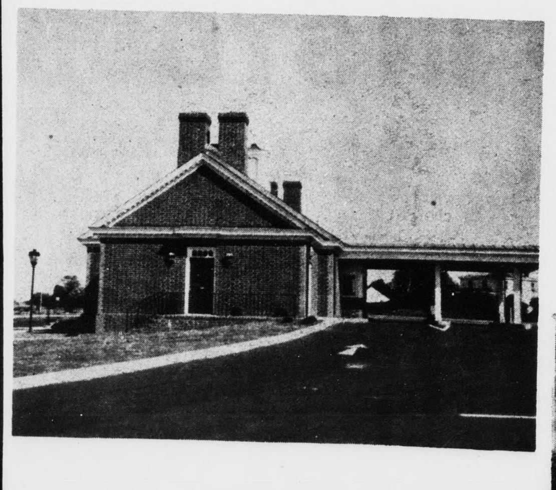

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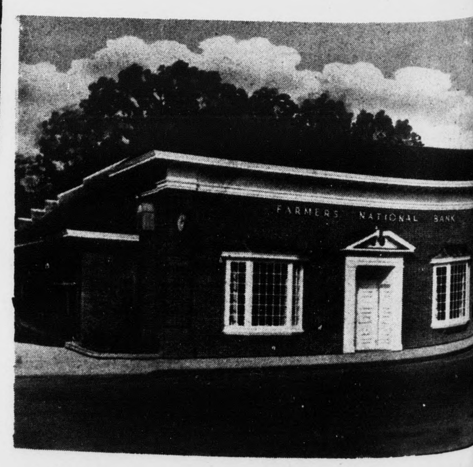

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50,000 Dogwood Trees for Virginians

Members of the Virginia Savings and Loan League this week begin their distribution of 50,000 white flowering dogwood trees . . . The massive dogwood giveaway, the largest "free tree" distribution ever conducted in Virginia, is the climax of the League's 50th anniversary "Helping Virginia Grow" program.

In recognition of the League's golden anniversary and the dogwood program, Governor Mills E. Godwin, Jr. had designated this week (March 10 - 16) as Savings and Loan Week in Virginia.

In praising the 50,000 dogwood tree program, Godwin said: "I like to see a profession and an industry in Virginia be concerned with the overall needs of the state as well as its own vested interests. This demonstrates the kind of broadminded people that make up the Savings and Loan League."

Each dogwood tree is approximately three feet tall and is packaged in a special wrapping designed to protect the tree during delivery and until the tree can be planted. Planting instructions are included in the packet. The 50,000 dogwood trees will be out and ready for planting by the end of March.

The Virginia Savings and Loan League, which comprises 65 savings and loan associations in the state, represents an industry with total assets of more than $3 billion. More that half of all homes bought in Virginia are financed through savings and loans.

Appomattox All Stars To Play California Cuties

The Appomattox All Stars will meet the California Cuties, Lakewood, California, at the Appomattox County High School gym for a basketball game set to begin at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 19th. This game is being sponsored by the Varsity Club of ACHS.

Tickets are now on sale and can be obtained from any member of the Varsity Club for $1.50 for both adults and students.

The picture above shows "Little Susie" in action. If it is funny basketball, like you have never seen before, that you want to see then don't miss this exciting game on Tuesday night.

Defensive Driving Course Offered

A Defensive Driving Course will be offered April 16, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. April 18, 7:30-9:30 p.m. April 23, 7:30 - 9:30 p.m. and April 25, 7:30-9:30 p.m. The 8-hour course in 4, two hour sessions will be conducted at the District Extension office, Main St., Appomattox, and is sponsored by the Women's Committee of the Appomattox County Farm Bureau. There will be a short break each night and refreshments will be served.

The instructor will be Mrs. Jeanette K. Roberts of Bedford, Chairman, Virginia Association of Women Highway Eleven. Mrs. Roberts has taught many classes in the district. The course was designed and is offered by the National Safety Council as part of the Highway Safety program. The aim is to confront people with possible emergency situations and offer solutions.

The course is open to the public. You are required to have a Driver's License. The fee will be $1.00 for a driver's manual, and there will be no test.

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HAMILTON'S 4-H CLUB

On March 7, 1974, Mrs. Hamilton's 4-H Class met. After devotions we discussed demonstrations which will be given at our next meeting. Members were shown slides taken at 4-H camp. We were given application forms for 4-H camp to be held at Holiday Lake - July 8-12.

Donna Robinson, Reporter

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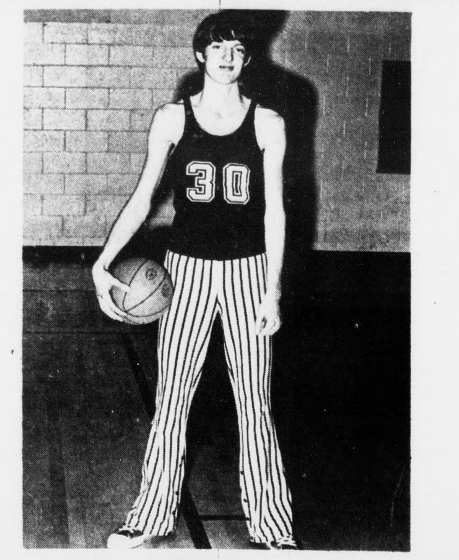

Phil Kelsey

Former Appomattox Student Stars In Basketball

Philander (Phil) Kelsey, a former Appomattox student, has lead the Sparta Warrior Basketball Team of Sparta, Tennessee to a 20-7 season. They were second in their District and went to the semi-finals in the District Tournament play.

Phil, a 6-4 Center, was the leading scorer for the Warriors. 33 points was his highest in a game.

He was elected to the All-Tournament Team in the Rotary Invitational Tournament as well as the District Tournament. He was elected "Mr. Basetball" during Homecoming Activities.

Recently, he has been selected as one of five to the All-District Team and to the second team All Mid-state sponsored by the Nashville Banner.

Phil's college plans for the next year are uncertain at this time. He is the nephew of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Simpson of Appomattox, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Simpson of Prospect.

MRS. DICKERSON'S 4-H CLUB

The regular meeting of Mrs. Dickerson's 4-H Club was held February 15, 1974. Timmy Tolley called the meeting to order. The recreation leaders lead us in some songs and a game. Mr. Sweet gave out certificates to people that gave speeches. Our new business was on Demonstrations. On April 20th the County Demonstration Contest would be held. Mrs. Walton gave us a demonstration on, "We Are What We Eat." Mr. Sweet passed out demonstration papers and he went over the categories with us. Meeting adjourned.

By Sybil Franklin, Reporter

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